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**District:** 05 – Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties

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**###UPDATE###**

## **EMERGENCY REPAIRS ON U.S. HIGHWAY 101 IN GAVIOTA CONTINUE WITH LANE CLOSURES THIS WEEK**

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY** – The emergency roadwork on U.S. Highway 101 north of the Gaviota tunnel will result in lane closures this week on northbound Hwy. 101 Monday through Thursday from **7 am to 3 pm** and from **6 am to 1 pm** on Friday.

Motorists headed on southbound U.S. Highway 101 will encounter a lane closure for one-day only on Tuesday, Aug. 7 beginning at 9 am for striping.

Motorists should expect only minor delays during the non-commute hours. All work is expected to be completed in mid-August.

The CHP will continue to patrol the area to maintain traffic safety.

The northbound lanes of Hwy. 101 were closed and traffic redirected onto the southbound lanes last month to replace a failing drainage culvert under the highway. These emergency repairs were necessary to prevent more serious, long-term roadway damage and to maintain a safe highway condition.

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The Gaviota Roadside Rest Area is open on southbound U.S. Hwy. 101 but remains closed on northbound U.S. Hwy. 101.

The contractor for this estimated \$1.5 million emergency repair is Granite Construction of Santa Barbara.

**Caltrans sincerely thanks motorists for their patience and cooperation during this emergency roadwork.**

For traffic updates on other state highway projects in Santa Barbara County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-549-3318 or visit the District 5 website at: [http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road\\_information.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road_information.htm).

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